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The Honorable Bob Perciasepe
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Dear Acting Administrator Perciasepe:

I am writing regarding an incident in my district last November involving the Town of Dublin, Virginia and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Reports indicate that EPA was actively supervising a well drilling crew for the purpose of installing monitoring wells near a metal finishing facility in Dublin. During the installation, damage was done to a sewer main. This damage resulted in Dublin incurring \$22,000 in repair costs to the sewer main.

It is my understanding that the Town of Dublin approached EPA regarding reimbursement of these repair costs and was denied. If, in fact, EPA was supervising the activity that resulted in damage to the sewer main, EPA should certainly bear the cost of repair. Dublin is a small Appalachian town of roughly 2,500 people. While a \$22,000 repair bill may not be exorbitant for New York City, it certainly is for Dublin.

I ask that you review this incident and review EPA's rationale for denying reimbursement to the Town of Dublin. Also, please provide me with any appropriate materials used in support of the reimbursement denial.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact me or Will Hupman from my staff at (202) 225-3861 or by email at will.hupman@mail.house.gov. I look forward to your reply. I remain

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Morgan Griffith".

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